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HAS RUSSIAN DESPOTISM CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE CZARS?

Extracts From a Book Suppressed by the Soviets

To understand the Russia of today, take a took at a description of the Russia of just 120 years ago It was in a book written in 1839 by the Marquis de Custine, a French nobleman, and now translated into English under the title Journey for Our Time."

Under Khrushchev, Stalin or the Czars, you find Russia a land of despotism and menace.

The book, which shows the striking similarities between Communist and Czarist rule, impressed Vice President Richard Nixon. After his recent trip to Russia, he said: "The book is in many respects a deadly parallel with conditions in the Soviet Union today." A foreword by Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former Ambassador to Moscow, points to how the Communists of today have "turned bath the clock."

The Marquis's report on Czarist Russia, published in abridged form in the Soviet Union in 1930 as an argument against Czarism, soon began to arouse comparisons with Russian despotism under the Commun...ts. It was promptly banned.

To experts on conditions in Soviet Russia, the book gives the impression that it might have been written about the Soviet Union of 1959. Extracts from the book follow.

FOREWORD BY GEN. WALTER BEDELL SMITH

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